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At present, the state farms in Albania cover 20,000 hectares, and this area will be increased by the lands which are now being reclaimed. ?

Nurseries, which have been set up in almost every district, supply 100,000 saplings a year. For the most part, these saplings are orange, lemon, and other fruit trees which flourish along the Mediterranean Sea.

In addition to the equipment of the MTS, the state farms also have at their disposal 78 tractors, 58 seeders, 118 reapers, and 56 harvesters.

The government now has more than 100,000 head of small animals and a large number of pure-bred breeding animals of every kind. Great successes have been attained at the experimental stations in improving livestock.

The 1949 harvests on the state farms were 48,600 quintals of cereals, 10,000 quintals of industrial plants (cotton, sunflowers, etc), 80,000 quintals of legumes, and 103,000 quintals of fodder plants.

Mechanization and other technical improvements have increased the agricultural production of individual farmers. The increase in agricultural production under the Two-Year Plan is shown in the following table (1948 equals 100):

Product	1949	1950
Wheat	116	125
Corn	103	112
Oats	159	161
Cotton	231	257
Sugar beets	109	122
Potatoes	121	150
Legumes	109	129

Under the Two-Year Plan, the area to be planted is shown in the following table:

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	<u>1948</u> (in ha)	<u>1950</u> (in ha)
Cereals	233,900	245,300
Industrial crops	25,120	25,550
Fodder crops	46,630	63,290
Legumes	11,350	14,900

In 1950, the planted area will be 357,000 hectares, or 112.6 percent more than in 1948.

## Animal Husbandry

	<u>1948</u>	<u>No of Head</u> <u>1950</u>
Cattle	408,000	437,000
Goats and sheep	1,860,000	1,879,000

The prewar agricultural level was exceeded by 165 percent in 1949 and that of animal husbandry by 190 percent. The cultivated area is more than three times as much as before the war. The cultivated area will be increased from 5,294 hectares in 1948 to 7,104 hectares in 1950. At present, there are 58 agricultural cooperatives in the Albanian People's Republic. The agricultural cooperatives will raise cattle for milk and meat and will furnish seed and saplings during 1950.

A sum of 318 million lek will be spent on land reclamation. Lake Maliq will be drained, farming land between Boden and Kanvai will be reclaimed and work on the Mizeke irrigation canal will be finished by the end of 1950.

Under the Two-Year Plan, the number of tractors will be 162 percent more than in 1948 and the land sown by using the equipment of the MTS will be 56,620 hectares as compared to 19,174 hectares in 1948.

At the end of 1950, there will be 6.25 million fruit trees as against 5.12 million in 1948. The nurseries will furnish over 500,000 fruit trees during 1949 and 1950, and the area of the nurseries will also be increased by 31 hectares. In 1949 and 1950, 1,370 hectares will be reforested.

To carry out all these measures, the investments will amount to 568 million lek, or 13.7 percent of the total investment plan.

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